

SNAP SHOT AT HOME NEWS.

It flaunts its tasseled banners high  
In ranks erect and clean.  
The paragon of level lands  
And of the hills between.  
The Armies of the Wind and Rain  
Come shouting to the fight.  
Alert upon the spreading plain  
The corn waits in its might.  
All summer long the army stands  
And beats each warring shield.  
Until the summer's battle cry  
Is hurled from the field.  
Victorious and sturdy still  
It faces from the sky the fall  
And rustling chants of gladness fill  
The long hours of the day.  
The dawn's first tender, rosy blush—  
The hailing of the morn—  
Flaunts abroad in a peaceful hush,  
The Army of the Corn.  
But friendly breezes come and go  
Till dying afternoon  
Hears, faintly sighing, soft and low,  
The echo of a croon.  
And so, serene and bold and brave,  
All through the summer long  
The gleaming banner proudly wave  
In cadence with the song.  
Until the golden autumn morn  
When there will be no more  
The standing Army of the Corn,  
The hopeful Troop of Toil.  
—Chicago Tribune.

"Spotless Town" will be at the Crawford tonight.  
The Topeka public schools will open a week from Tuesday.  
The jury will assemble in the district court room tomorrow.  
Dr. Harding has removed her offices to 704 Kansas avenue.  
The Kansas state fair at Topeka will begin one week from today.  
The board of directors of the Orphans' home will meet this afternoon.  
Joseph Kramer was granted a permit by the probate court Saturday to sell liquor.  
Joseph Delaney, of Atchison, was brought to the Topeka insane asylum yesterday.  
"Florodora" will be given as a matinee next Saturday afternoon at the Crawford.  
Rev. H. D. Fisher preached Sunday morning and evening at the Silver Lake Methodist church.  
Mrs. A. M. Eldson, wife of Dr. Eldson, has gone to Ohio with her children. She will live there permanently.  
The next meeting of the Topeka Commercial club will be held at Vinewood park Wednesday evening at 7:30 sharp.  
Archdeacon Crawford has gone to Holton, Horton and other points, and will return to Topeka in about a month.  
Frank Dibert of Santa Fe, New Mexico, is in Topeka after an absence of 20 years. He is visiting his uncle, John D. Knox.  
Amasa Akers, who is well known in Topeka, having lived here a long time, has gone to Pueblo, Colo., and started a restaurant there opposite the union depot.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Goodrich of 1233 Clay street are the parents of twins, born Sunday forenoon. They have been named Katherine May and Charles Harris.  
Rev. Bernard Kelly has every date for the month of September taken and has been compelled to decline several calls to deliver addresses and sermons to old settlers and old soldiers. His last engagement is for Wichita, Sunday, October 4.  
Clarence Young and Miss Eva Watts daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Watts, were married at 7:30 Saturday evening by the Rev. Mr. Renwick at the home of the minister, 812 Tyler street. Mr. and Mrs. Young will live at the southeast corner of Eighth and Tyler.  
The liquor cases appealed from the police court to the district court will be tried before the jury in Judge Himes' court the week of September 21. So far 41 cases have been set for trial. Bets are being made on the percentage that will be convicted.  
W. G. Tandy has sold the large store building at Seventeenth and Buchanan to J. A. Coulter and G. H. Gallagher, two down town grocers. The building is now occupied by Schleicher & Holler, grocery dealers. Mr. Coulter says that the present tenants will be continued in the building.  
There was an interesting, snappy game of baseball on Washburn field Saturday afternoon between the Topeka and Atchison teams. Topeka was defeated by a score of 6 to 3. Robinson pitched the game for Topeka and aside from his unsteadiness at the start, he pitched a good game.  
On Friday, September 18, the new Washburn observatory will be dedicated. There will be an address by Prof. Chas. L. Doolittle at 3 p. m. Prof. Doolittle is from the University of Pennsylvania. Invitations to the observatory are being issued. They are very pretty printed, and give a good picture of the new building.  
From the Ottawa Herald: On the excursion from Topeka yesterday President Martin, of the Topeka association, had his finger badly mashed. The reputation will make the finger about half an inch shorter. Mr. Martin fainted from the pain of the accident and Mr. Lang went through the whole train searching for a bottle of stimulants, but to no avail. The Topeka delegation brought a case of cantaloupes.

**300 FELL IN.**  
Crowd Witnessing a Baptism Tumbled Into Bay.  
New York, Sept. 7.—Three hundred negro men, women and children, dressed in their Sunday best and singing gospel hymns have been precipitated into three feet of water and mud at low tide in Newark bay, at Bayonne, N. J. The pier on which they were standing collapsed just as the Rev. John T. Thornton was about to baptize a member of his flock.  
Forty persons were injured, the majority by the hysterical efforts of their companions to escape from what for the moment they thought was death by drowning. But when the ambulance surgeon looked over the bruised ones he found only four who needed attention. The rest, bedraggled by mud and water, waded ashore and the baptism was postponed.  
The four injured are George Hendrickson, his wife and young son of Bayonne and Mrs. G. M. Theis of Jersey City. They were all bruised from falling against broken timbers and being kicked and pushed by other persons. Mrs. Theis' ankle is broken and her shoulder is badly sprained. Several of those who took the unexpected cold plunge were whites attracted to the pier by curiosity.

**Woman Causes a Tragedy.**  
Omaha, Neb., Sept. 7.—During a quarrel over a woman early today, Charles Ellsworth, a Council Bluffs groceryman, fatally stabbed David Houser, also of that city. The trouble occurred on the flat north of Omaha and the wounded man was brought to the city where he died in a few minutes. Ellsworth and a woman named May Burns were later arrested across the river and brought to this city.

**Don't spoil your silver with poor polish**  
**GORHAM SILVER POLISH**  
Contains no acids or injurious ingredients. Cleans as well as polishes. Does not cake.  
All responsible jewelers keep it 25 cents a package.

Harriet Merritt, the Original in "Florodora" Sextette



Harriet Merritt, now playing Angela in "Florodora," is the real, simon pure, guaranteed "original sextette" of that English musical comedy. According to R. T. Bannan, business manager, who was here arranging for the coming of "Florodora," Miss Merritt was the first "pretty maiden" engaged for the American production. Pictures of so many different girls have been printed with the allegation that each was the "original sextette" or that she was "one of the original sextette," that it is interesting to know who the first really was. "Judging from the number of pictures printed there were several hundred, at least, in the 'original sextette,'" said Mr. Bannan today. "But I was on the ground and know Miss Merritt was not only one of them, but she was the first one engaged by Fisher & Ryley. Mr. Fisher met her in London when he was over there preparing to produce the piece in this country. Finding she had no engagement at the time he immediately signed her, and that is how she got ahead of the future 'pretty maidens' on this side. The controversy has kept up among the picture supplements and magazines for three years, each one putting forth numerous claimants to the honor, but the distinction is really Miss Merritt's."

**EASILY MOVES UP.**  
To Become Chairman of Executive Council Civic Federation.

New York, Sept. 7.—Changes in the organization and methods of the National Civic Federation have been decided on by the executive committee, which will be discussed at a conference of the federation in Chicago on October 14 and 15. This will be preliminary to a week's international industrial congress of the federation at St. Louis next week.  
It is understood that the sub-title, "Industrial department," will be dropped. Chairman Hanna's title of chairman will be changed to president, and the title of Secretary Easty to chairman of the executive council, the office of secretary to be filled later.  
The president has been authorized to appoint several committees, including those on "hours of work," "methods of payment," and "employees' welfare work." The latter committee will arrange for a conference of employers in this city in November to discuss ways of bettering the condition of employees.  
The general work also is to be divided into sections, such as "building trades," "metal trades," "textile industry," "transportation," "mining," and "miscellaneous," to further the work of the federation.

**FOR PURSE OF \$8,000.**  
Claude and Judge Himes Favorites for the Chicago Event.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—The Twentieth Century handicap, having a gross value of over \$8,000, will be run at the Harlem park this afternoon. Topeka was defeated by a score of 6 to 3. Robinson pitched the game for Topeka and aside from his unsteadiness at the start, he pitched a good game.  
On Friday, September 18, the new Washburn observatory will be dedicated. There will be an address by Prof. Chas. L. Doolittle at 3 p. m. Prof. Doolittle is from the University of Pennsylvania. Invitations to the observatory are being issued. They are very pretty printed, and give a good picture of the new building.  
From the Ottawa Herald: On the excursion from Topeka yesterday President Martin, of the Topeka association, had his finger badly mashed. The reputation will make the finger about half an inch shorter. Mr. Martin fainted from the pain of the accident and Mr. Lang went through the whole train searching for a bottle of stimulants, but to no avail. The Topeka delegation brought a case of cantaloupes.

**BETTER THAN SERMONS.**  
Jersey City Pastor Speaks Up for Yacht Races.

New York, Sept. 7.—Finding spiritual lessons in international yacht racing, the Rev. John L. Scott of the First Congregational church, Jersey City, said in the course of a sermon on the subject: "The Bible has much to say about racing, and it is evident St. Paul was familiar with the field and the arena, for his epistles abound with references to foot races, boxing matches and gladiatorial contests. In appealing to this racing instinct the Bible touches sympathetic cords in every breast, for the desire to demonstrate one's superiority to others is universal."  
"These repeated yacht races between England and America conducted in such a brotherly fashion are a valuable object lesson on true sportsmanship, and would up to the world the habit of men to enter the severest competitions and yet exhibit the proper spirit."  
"Another result of these races is the fostering of international good will. One good natured race is worth 100 sermons. These rivalries, although involving the element of antagonism, develop fellow feeling between England and America and bring us Anglo-Saxons still closer together. In the great movements of the nations, they will help John Bull and Uncle Sam to pull together and set the fashions, moral and political, for the rest of the world."

**Best For The Bowels**  
**Cascarets**  
CANDY CATHARTIC  
"THEY WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP"

**Woman Causes a Tragedy.**  
Omaha, Neb., Sept. 7.—During a quarrel over a woman early today, Charles Ellsworth, a Council Bluffs groceryman, fatally stabbed David Houser, also of that city. The trouble occurred on the flat north of Omaha and the wounded man was brought to the city where he died in a few minutes. Ellsworth and a woman named May Burns were later arrested across the river and brought to this city.

**How Johnnie Simpkins Cured His Mother of an Old-Fashioned Habit.**

Mrs. Simpkins was a housewife of the old school, staid and particular. Her habits were the development of many generations, dating back to the good old days of Puritan custom.  
It is true that Mrs. Simpkins had long ago abandoned the spinning wheel and no longer burned tallow dips, but in many things she still clung to the old fashioned notions of her mother and her mother's mother. She made her own soap for the same reason that she still bought her soda crackers in a brown paper bag; because it was the habit of her ancestors, and what was good enough for them must be good enough for her.  
The Simpkins household had always been conducted on this good principle, and it is possible that nothing would ever have changed the precise routine of affairs, but for the beginning of another generation in the person of Jonathan, Jr., better known to the neighbors as plain Johnnie Simpkins.  
At thirteen, it was evident that Johnnie had been born into the wrong family. There was none of the real Simpkins about John. He was all that was progressive—sometimes he was more.  
Johnnie's first indication of the strenuous character was to convince his mother that it was more desirable to buy trousers to fit him than to abbreviate those previously worn by Simpkins the elder. After that,

Mrs. Simpkins was often influenced unconsciously by Johnnie's progressive spirit, although the spirit sometimes moved too fast and was suddenly checked in a manner well known to all boys.  
The greatest victory in John's life was when he rebelled against eating soda crackers that had absorbed too much of the grocery store atmosphere, and gave evidence of familiar association with the mackerel barrel and kerosene can.  
Mrs. Simpkins said they tasted exactly like the crackers they had been eating all their lives, to which Johnnie agreed, but he further said they were not in it with the biscuit Willie Smith brought to school, all sealed up in an airtight box.  
Here the matter was dropped, because Johnnie discovered the danger signal in time, and side-tracked the subject.  
The next day while Mrs. Simpkins was talking to a neighbor, a close observer would have seen Johnnie cautiously slipping into the back door with a mysterious purple package tucked under one arm. This was carefully opened and part of the contents neatly piled on one of the large blue plates which his mother usually used to serve such things. When Mrs. Simpkins came in, she picked up one of the new biscuits as a matter of habit and started to munch it.  
"Why, John," she exclaimed, "I don't see anything wrong in that;

it tastes as if it had come right from the oven." But she looked a little surprised and examined the next biscuit critically.  
"My, but that's good! I think I'll make a cup of tea and get some jam. The idea of your saying these crackers taste fishy. I'll just have to take some of these new fangled ideas out of your head." And then she closely examined another biscuit.  
"U-N-E-E-D-A! Well, I swan, if there ain't a name right on that cracker. They must have got mixed in with that bag I bought yesterday." And then she glanced toward Johnnie, whose eyes were shining like two evening stars.  
"No, they didn't, mother. Uneeda Biscuit don't come in no paper bag, they come all sealed up in a package like this." And Johnnie disclosed his treasure.  
Slowly Mrs. Simpkins took the package and looked at it inside and out, spelled out the mystic word "In-cr-seal" on the end, sampled another of the biscuit, and asked Jonathan, "where did you get these?"  
"Oh, I spent that nickel you gave me for school. Ain't they bully, ma?"  
"Well, I always thought a cracker was a cracker, but I must say, these beat anything I ever tasted," and then Mrs. Simpkins made the tea and got out the jam.  
Another reform had taken place in the Simpkins household.

**NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY**

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**

Holden Land & Live Stock Co. to C. M. Hosack, \$4,000, south quarter southwest quarter 14, 15, 16, north quarter southeast quarter 14, 15, 16.  
H. M. Holden and wife to same, \$5,000, lots in Willard, Kan., also north quarter southwest quarter 14, 15, 16.  
W. W. Schenck and wife to Anna E. Bernard, \$700, north 15 feet lot 432 and south 12 1/2 feet lot 434 Quincy street, Paramore's addition.  
H. V. Rogers and wife to H. T. Mabry, \$900, lot 130 Chandler street, Metcalf's second addition.  
H. T. Mabry and wife to R. J. Gallagher et al, \$2,160, lots 617, 619 and 621 Buchanan street, M. & D. addition.  
G. H. Boyer and wife to Mary Schenck, \$50, lots 164 and 165 Indiana avenue, Highland Park sub.  
M. A. Hercules to C. J. Hercules, \$1, lots 429, 431 and 433 Wayne avenue, Washington place addition.  
J. R. Lawson to M. M. Helbert, \$2,000, lot 66 and south half 68 and part 64 Mulvane street, Thurston Place addition.  
H. H. Reed and wife to D. W. Nellis, \$100, part north half of northwest quarter 6, 12, 16.  
R. McGinnis to E. DeGroot, \$2,600, lot 368 and south half 364 Taylor street, Washington place addition.  
W. W. Schenck, \$100, south 12 1/2 feet lot 434 and north 15 feet lot 432 Quincy street, Paramore's addition.  
Same to John Briggs, \$100, lots 41 and 43 and west half of 54 Tenth avenue, east, Mulvane & Chase's addition.  
W. L. Thomas et al to C. M. Hosack, \$60, lots 141, 142, 143, 145, 138, 135 and 137 Willard avenue, Willard.  
Jennie Shedy to same, \$185, lot 112 Railroad street, Willard.  
**TAX DEEDS.**  
To Amanda Brown, \$250, lot 882 Madison street, Pierce's addition.  
To Mattie E. Frost, \$221.90, lots 755, 777, 779, 781, 783 and 785 Adams street, Pierce's addition.  
To L. C. Brown, lot 71 Tenth avenue, east.  
To Mary D. Calkins, \$130, lots 65, 67, 69 and 71 Waite street, S. Cross' addition.  
To Martha A. Ferguson, \$123.88, lot 3, block 34, College Hill addition.  
J. M. Cobb to same, \$123.88 and 197 Kentucky avenue, Highland Park addition.  
E. Leuenberger lots 206 and 207 Kentucky avenue, Highland Park addition.  
To J. Nell Hill 323 Madison street, block 15, Pierce's addition.  
To A. Eby lots 248, 249, 256, 258, 260, 262 and 264 Saline street, West End sub. and 84 Twelfth street, Mapleton addition.

the end the cheapest, best and most satisfactory way of doing business to all concerned. You say many do not have means of getting larger packages from stores to their homes. This can easily be remedied by employing city package delivery which delivers packages anywhere in the city for the small sum of one cent per block, or other delivery or express companies. Customs and habits are not easily changed but it were better for the people if some of our ancient ones were replaced by more modern and up-to-date methods and the question of free delivery by merchants is one of them. As for me and my household, we will patronize those who advocate and practice this doctrine; first, because we believe it is right; second, it is cheapest; third, it is equal justice to all.  
H. L. ALDRICH, M. D.

**THE PASSION PLAY**  
At Vinewood Park Every Night This Week.

The management of Vinewood park has secured and proposes to exhibit free of admission at the park every evening this week a complete set of vignettes of the "Passion Play." The pictures are declared to be wonderfully clear and of the finest workmanship, and are played by means of a new and improved motion picture machine known as the Kifodrome. The company that is to make no pretension that the "Passion Play" pictures that will be shown here were taken at the original presentation of the play at Oberammergau. On the contrary, it is asserted that to get pictures in such a manner is impossible. The views are, however, as good as could possibly be arranged, and will, it is promised, afford an intelligent idea of the great "Passion Play." They were made from photographs of peasants who are familiar with the production of the play and who are posed in strict accordance with the requirements of the original production. In anticipation of extraordinary crowds, drawn by the name of the "Passion Play" and its sacred character, appealing strongly to the masses of the people, the management has provided ample seating accommodations at the park and people will be transported with rapidity and comfort every evening by the various lines.

**"JIMMIE THE BUM" DEAD.**  
His Cronies Contribute Toward Paying Funeral Expenses.

New York, Sept. 7.—Dying, as he lived, a mystery to the denizens of Mulberry Bend and Chinatown, "Jimmie the Bum," who gave his name to the police a few days ago as James Murray, but who is believed by his closest cronies to have been the scapegrace son of a former judge of the supreme court, who once lived in Brooklyn, will be buried tomorrow afternoon by those among whom he lived.  
It is not their contributions alone which will pay the expenses of his funeral. As makes by law in a casket in a Mulberry street undertaking shop, the past of "Jimmie the Bum" was wrapped still further in mystery when two well dressed women, heavily veiled, who declined to give any names or addresses, pointed the mourner and when they left dropped two bank notes into the battered tin which stood at the head of the casket. No one could be in the room when "Jimmie" by any other name, although for a dozen years he had spent his life in a west of two or three blocks. Once he received an income from some source, but of recent years his income was irregular. When the news of his death spread through the Bowery hundreds of his miserable comrades visited the rooms where his body lay, and as each one passed, pennies, nickels and dimes fell into the cup to pay for the funeral.

**Santa Fe**  
**Colorado Flyer**  
ON THE SANTA FE  
Topeka to Pueblo, Colorado Springs, and Denver, daily.  
Clean observation and drawing-room sleepers—chair car—library-smoking car.  
Leave Topeka in the evening. Arrive Colorado next forenoon.  
Quick—luxurious—convenient—popular.  
Another fast Colorado train now leaves Topeka on the Santa Fe every morning. LOW-RATE EXCURSIONS ALL SUMMER.  
Ask for free copy of "A Colorado Summer"; it tells all about vacation outings in Colorado.  
**T. L. KING, C. T. A.,**  
**A. T. & S. F. Ry., Topeka.**  
**Or—T. M. JAMES, Jr., North Topeka.**

**Back Home**  
The Rock Island will run Home Visitors Excursions to many points in Ohio and Indiana on Sept. 1, 8, 15 and Oct. 6.  
The rate will be one and one-third fare for the round trip and tickets will be good thirty days from date of sale.  
Let the Rock Island Agent plan your trip and show you how comfortably it can be made.

**Are You Going?**  
Write or call on the undersigned for full information as to cost of tickets, train service, etc.  
**A. M. FULLER, C. P. A., Topeka, Kansas.**

**FREE LECTURE TONIGHT.**  
Rev. A. B. Francisco to Speak at Swedenborgian Chapel.  
Rev. A. B. Francisco, who preached two very interesting sermons yesterday at the New Jerusalem chapel, corner Harrison and Sixth streets, will remain over today for the purpose of giving a free lecture this evening at 8 o'clock on the subject, "The Relative Value of a Light on a Candlestick and Under a Bushel." At the close of the lecture an opportunity will be given for questions bearing on this or any other subject of a spiritual nature.  
**TEXAS, OKLAHOMA, INDIAN TERRITORY**  
—AND BACK—  
**\$1500 SEPTEMBER 15**  
Final Limit, October 6th  
Missouri, Kansas & Texas R'y.  
Ask Nearest Ticket Agent or Write  
**C. A. McNUTT, D. P. A.,**  
Blossom House, Kansas City, Mo.  
Everybody reads the State Journal.

**Don't spoil your silver with poor polish**  
**GORHAM SILVER POLISH**  
Contains no acids or injurious ingredients. Cleans as well as polishes. Does not cake.  
All responsible jewelers keep it 25 cents a package.

**Best For The Bowels**  
**Cascarets**  
CANDY CATHARTIC  
"THEY WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP"